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TO LARRY EAGLEBURGER FOR HENRY A. KISSINGER

FROM: BRENT SCOWCROFT

ON-FILE NSC RELEASE INSTRUCTIONS APPLY

TO: HENRY A. KISSINGER

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1. VORONTSOV CALLED WITH AN ORAL NOTE FROM BREZHNEV TO
THE PRESIDENT CONCERNING SOVIET PARTICIPATION IN MEETINGS TO
DEAL WITH THE ENERGY PROBLEM. THE NOTE READS AS FOLLOWS:

State Dept. review
completed

"LEONID BREZHNEV ASKS TO CONVEY TO THE PRESIDENT HIS
GRATITUDE FOR A CONSTRUCTIVE AND QUICK REPLY ~~ON THE AMERICAN~~
~~TO HIS~~ (BREZHNEV'S) CONSIDERATIONS CONCERNING THE INITIATIVE
OF THE PRESIDENT IN CALLING CERTAIN MEETINGS ON THE OIL PROBLEM.
WE TAKE NOTE OF WHAT THE SECRETARY SAID CONCERNING THE POSSI-
BILITY OF SOVIET UNION PARTICIPATION AS -- IN OBSERVER STATUS
IN THE WORK OF THE CONFERENCE, THAT IS, THE CONFERENCE JOINTLY
OF CONSUMERS AND PRODUCING COUNTRIES OF OIL. SO FAR AS THE

BILATERAL

IN AGREEMENT WITH DR. KISSINGER'S SUGGESTIONS TO HAVE THAT
EFFECT AN EXCHANGE OF OPINION IN WASHINGTON AND WOULD PROPOSE
TO START IT ON FEBRUARY 23TH. THE SOVIET REPRESENTATIVE AT
THOSE NEGOTIATIONS OR EXCHANGE OF OPINIONS WILL BE MR. OSIPOV,
THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR FOREIGN TRADE. WE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW
THE OPINION OF THE WHITE HOUSE WHETHER THIS DATE IS ACCEPTABLE
TO THE AMERICAN SIDE FOR THE BEGINNING OF THIS EXCHANGE OF
OPINIONS."

OSIPOV IS CURRENTLY IN WASHINGTON AS A PART OF THE
PATOLICHEV VISIT.

2. STATE HAS REQUESTED SECRET SERVICE PROTECTION FOR
THE ISRAELI FINANCE MINISTER WHO IS HERE BASICALLY FOR A SERIES
OF FUND-RAISING SPEECHES. FRED BUZHARDT DOES NOT WANT TO PROVIDE
THE PROTECTION ON POLITICAL GROUNDS. HE IS FEARFUL THAT WE
WILL COME UNDER SEVERE CRITICISM FOR PROVIDING PROTECTION FOR
SUCH ACTIVITIES (HE SAYS HE IS UNDER SEVERE PRESSURE AS IT
IS ON THE HILL OVER THE ENORMOUS COSTS OF FOREIGN DISUNITARIES
PROTECTION). FRED SAYS HE WILL DO IT IF YOU BELIEVE IT IS
ABSOLUTELY ESSENTIAL BUT, IN THE INTEREST OF PRESERVING THE
PROGRAM AND FUNDING AS A WHOLE, HE WOULD STRONGLY PREFER NOT
TO.

3. A REUTERS DISPATCH FROM MOSCOW STATES THAT GROMYKO LEFT
MOSCOW TODAY ON AN UNANNOUNCED VISIT TO DAMASCUS.

WARM REGARDS.

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